

Amendments to the Claims:

1 (Currently amended): A method for aggregating person-centric information for displaying in a user interface, comprising:

accessing a client-side application of the client device to ~~generate~~ obtain a client manipulative electronic document on the client side application;

parsing the text of the electronic document, by a persona menu application located on the client device, for a person name, wherein the persona menu application is separate from the client-side application and is configured as a dynamically linked library for accessing a plurality of different data sources related to a suite of applications;

querying, by the persona menu application, at least one user contact data source of the plurality of different data sources containing person-centric data to identify person-centric data associated with the person name;

obtaining, at the persona menu application, person-centric data associated with the person name from the at least one initial user contact data source;

querying, by the persona menu application, at least one subsequent data source of the plurality of different data sources containing person-centric data to identify additional person-centric data related to the person name and associated with the person-centric data obtained from the initial user contact data source;

obtaining, at the persona menu application, the additional person-centric data from the at least one subsequent data source, wherein a communication application for communicating with a user identified by the person name is associated with at least one member of a group comprising: the at least one initial user contact data source and the at least one subsequent data source;

populating, in the client-side application of the client, a data structure for the person name with the person-centric data obtained from the at least one initial user contact data source and the at least one subsequent data source; and

providing a graphical user interface, of the separate persona menu application, in the client-side application of the client device, wherein the graphical user interface displays the

person-centric data and the additional person-centric data adjacent to the person name in the electronic document of the client-side application, wherein the graphical user interface of the separate persona menu application includes action items for facilitating communication with the user identified by the person name according to the communication application associated with the at least one member of a group comprising: the at least one initial user contact data source and the at least one subsequent data source.

2 (Cancelled).

3 (Original): The method of Claim 1, whereby parsing an electronic document for a person name includes obtaining unique identifying information associated with the person name.

4 (Previously presented): The method of Claim 3, whereby obtaining unique identifying information associated with the person name includes obtaining data associated with the person name for identifying the person name.

5 (Original): The method of Claim 4, whereby obtaining unique identifying information associated with the person name includes obtaining an electronic mail address for the person name.

6-11 (Cancelled).

12 (Currently amended): The method of Claim 1, prior to populating a data structure for the person name with the person-centric data, building a data structure having data properties corresponding to person-centric data obtainable from the at least one user contact data source.

13-14 (Cancelled).

15 (Original): The method of Claim 1, prior to providing a graphical user interface for displaying the person-centric data, labeling the person name in the electronic document to indicate available functionality.

16 (Original): The method of Claim 15, further comprising providing an icon in the electronic document adjacent to the person name for selectively displaying the graphical user interface.

17 (Original): The method of Claim 1, whereby the person-centric data includes online/offline status for the person name.

18 (Original): The method of Claim 1, whereby the person-centric data includes free/busy status information for the person name.

19 (Original): The method of Claim 1, whereby the person-centric data includes office location information for the person name.

20 (Original): The method of Claim 1, whereby the person-centric data includes telephone numbers for the person name.

21 (Original): The method of Claim 1, whereby the person-centric data includes information related to additional person names associated with the person name.

22 (Currently amended): The method of Claim 1, whereby at least one subsequent data source includes a contacts database.

23 (Currently amended): The method of Claim 1, whereby the at least one subsequent data source includes an instant messaging database.

24 (Currently amended): The method of Claim 1, whereby the at least one subsequent data source includes a distributed computing environment directory services database.

25 (Currently amended): The method of Claim 1, whereby the at least one subsequent data source includes a free/busy status database.

26 (Currently amended): A computer readable storage medium containing computer readable instructions which when executed by a computer perform a method for aggregating person-centric information for displaying in a user interface, comprising:

accessing a client-side application of the client device to generate obtain a client manipulative electronic document on the client-side application;

parsing the text of the electronic document, by a persona menu application located on the client device, for an electronic mail address associated with a person name, wherein the persona menu application is separate from the client-side application and is configured as a dynamically linked library for accessing a plurality of different data sources related to a suite of applications;

querying, by the persona menu application, at least one initial user contact data source of the plurality of different data sources containing person-centric data to identify person-centric data associated with the electronic mail address;

obtaining, at the persona menu application, person-centric data associated with the person name from the at least one initial user contact data source;

querying, by the persona menu application, at least one subsequent data source of the plurality of different data sources containing person-centric data to identify additional person-centric data related to the person name and associated with the person-centric data obtained from the initial user contact data source;

obtaining, at the persona menu application, the additional person-centric data associated with the person name from the at least one subsequent data source, wherein a communication application for communicating with a user identified by the person name is

associated with at least one member of a group comprising: the at least one ~~initial~~ user contact data source and the at least one subsequent data source;

populating, in the client-side application of the client device, a data structure for the person name with the person-centric data obtained from the at least one ~~initial~~ user contact data source and the at least one subsequent data source;

labeling the person name in the electronic document to indicate available functionality;

upon user selection of the labeled person name, providing a graphical user interface, of the separate persona menu application, in the client-side application of the client device, wherein the graphical user interface displays the person-centric data and the additional person-centric data adjacent to the person name in the electronic document of the client-side application, wherein the graphical user interface of the separate persona menu application includes action items for facilitating communication with the user identified by the person name according to the communication application associated with the at least one member of a group comprising: the at least one ~~initial~~ user contact data source and the at least one subsequent data source.

27-28 (Cancelled).

29 (Currently amended): The computer readable storage medium of Claim 26, prior to populating a data structure for the person name with the person-centric data, building a data structure having data properties corresponding to person-centric data obtainable from the at least one user contact data source.

30-31 (Cancelled).

32 (Currently amended): The computer readable storage medium of Claim ~~26~~ 34, further comprising providing an icon in the electronic document adjacent to the person name for selectively displaying the graphical user interface.

33 (Currently amended): The computer readable storage medium of Claim 26, whereby the person-centric data includes online/offline status for the person name.

34 (Currently amended): A system for aggregating person-centric information for displaying in a user interface, comprising:

a processor; and

a memory having computer executable instructions stored thereon, the computer executable instructions being configured for:

accessing a client-side application of the client device to obtain a client manipulative electronic document on the client side application;

parsing the text of the electronic document, by a persona menu application, for a person name, wherein the persona menu application is configured as a dynamically linked library for accessing a plurality of different data sources related to a suite of applications;

querying, by the persona menu application, at least one user contact data source of the plurality of different data sources containing person-centric data to identify person-centric data associated with the person name;

obtaining, at the persona menu application, person-centric data associated with the person name from the at least one user contact data source;

querying, by the persona menu application, at least one subsequent data source of the plurality of different data sources containing person-centric data to identify additional person-centric data related to the person name and associated with the person-centric data obtained from the user contact data source;

obtaining, at the persona menu application, the additional person-centric data from the at least one subsequent data source;

populating, in the client-side application of the client, a data structure for the person name with the person-centric data obtained from the at least one user contact data source and the at least one subsequent data source; and

providing a graphical user interface, of the separate persona menu application, in the client-side application of the client device, wherein the graphical user interface displays the person-centric data and the additional person-centric data adjacent to the person name in the electronic document of the client-side application.

a computer operative to operate at least one application program module and to display at least one electronic document and graphical user interfaces;

—— a client side application program of a client device operative to receive, in a client manipulative electronic document, at least one member of a group comprising: text and data;

—— a persona menu application program located on the client device separate from the client side application operative:

—— to parse the electronic document for an email address associated with a person name;

—— to recognize the person name from text or data in which the person name is included, when no electronic mail address is available for the person name in the electronic document;

—— to query a contacts database for an unique identification associated with the person name when the at least one data source does not contain person centric data matching an electronic mail address;

—— to obtain a unique identification at the contacts database;

—— to pass the unique identification to at least one initial data source containing person-centric data;

—— to parse the at least one data source for obtaining person-centric data associated with the person name;

—— to query at least one subsequent data source containing person-centric data to identify additional person-centric data associated with the person-centric data obtained from the initial data source;

—— to obtain additional person-centric data associated with the person name from the at least one subsequent data source, wherein a communication application for communicating with a user identified by the person name is associated with at least one member

of a group comprising: the at least one initial data source and the at least one subsequent data source;

_____ to populate, in the client-side application, a data structure for the person name with the person-centric data obtained from the at least one initial data source and the at least one subsequent data source;

_____ to labeling the person name in the electronic document to indicate available functionality; and

_____ to provide a graphical user interface, of the separate persona menu application, in the client-side application of the client device, wherein the graphical user interface displays the person-centric data and the additional person-centric data adjacent to the person name in the electronic document, upon user selection of the labeled person name, wherein the graphical user interface of the separate persona menu application includes action items for facilitating communication with the user identified by the person name according to the communication application associated with the at least one member of a group comprising: the at least one initial data source and the at least one subsequent data source.

35-38 (Cancelled).

39 (Currently amended): The system of Claim 34, the persona menu application being further operative to provide an icon in the electronic document adjacent to the person name for selectively displaying the graphical user interface.

40 (Original): The system of Claim 34, whereby the person-centric data includes online/offline status for the person name.

41 (Original): The system of Claim 34, whereby the person-centric data includes free/busy status information for the person name.

42 (Original): The system of Claim 34, whereby the person-centric data includes office location information for the person name.

43 (Original): The system of Claim 34, whereby the person-centric data includes telephone numbers for the person name.

44 (Original): The system of Claim 34, whereby the person-centric data includes information related to additional person names associated with the person name.

45 (Currently amended): The system of Claim 34, whereby the at least one subsequent data source includes a contacts database.

46 (Currently amended): The system of Claim 34, whereby the at least one subsequent data source includes an instant messaging database.

47 (Currently amended): The system of Claim 34, whereby the at least one subsequent data source includes a distributed computing environment directory services database.

48 (Currently amended): The system of Claim 34, whereby the at least one subsequent data source includes a free/busy status database.

49-50 (Cancelled).